

State of Delaware ♦ Department of State  
DELAWARE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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Date: **October 26, 2016**

Time: **4:00 p.m.**

Locations: ☒ Carvel State Bldg. Wilmington (577-5287)  
☒ Cannon Bldg. Silver Lake, Dover (760-7034)

☐ Other Location:

☒ Teleconference #: 1 (800) 377-8846 PC: 88395925#

☒ Videoconference:

**DCW Attendance & Location**    ❶ - Wilmington    ❷ - Dover    ❸ - Phone-In    ○ - Absent

❶ Sherese Brewington-Carr, Chair	❷ Jackie Griffith	❶ Ashley Lewis	○ Chiqui Gavilan
❶ Brian J. Bartley	❷ Robin Hayes	❶ Rosemary T. Madl-Young	○ Greer Stangl
❷ Theresa L.I. Del Tufo	○ Daneya Jacobs	❶ Raetta McCall	
❶ Joyce Edwards	❷ Kathleen Jacobs	❸ Simone Philpotts	
❸ Rebecca L. Evaristo	❷ Charlotte King	○ Chandra Pitts	

**Staff of the Office of Delaware Commission for Women and Guests**

❶ Romona S. Fullman, Director	❶ Nina DeVoe Community Relations	❸ Carmen S. Gómez Administrative Asst.	❷ Lenora Webb Administrative Asst.
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Call to Order – Chair Brewington-Carr called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

- I. **Roll Call**
- II. **Expression from the Public – None**
- III. **Approval of the Agenda**
- IV. **Approval of Minutes – Minutes motioned and accepted with minor changes.**
- V. **Chair's Report**

**Chair Report**

Chair welcome and introduce new DCW Commissioner, Ashley Lewis.  
Chair gave kudos to the Office for their outreach and information to “Get Out and Vote”.  
The Chair’s attended the Women’s Leadership Counsel -- regarding mentorships & guidance with younger children....  
The meeting was about Childcare and Early Childhood Education...

**VI Director's Report (Romona Fullman)**

Topic of Discussion (please refer to Director's Report for more detailed information.)	Action
The Film Selma Bridge to the Ballot was presented at the Monday Club.	
There was discussion about the DCW orientation & quest meeting and holiday celebration at the Duncan Center on December 13th 2016 TBA	
Budget Hearing on November 15th , it's a public meeting so the public can comment	
Women and Work Policy Roundtable Discussion Forums – DCW has sponsored two of a series of Women and Work Policy Roundtable Discussion Forums and a third one will be held on Friday, November 4th.	

- Equal Rights Amendment - On October 4, 2016 DE ERA Now hosted a screening of the documentary film “Equal Means Equal” DE ERA Now is a coalition of Delaware women and men working for passage and ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA).
- USDOL Women’s Bureau – DCW is collaborating with the U.S. Department of Labor Women’s Bureau, AAUW DE and the DE Department of Labor for the Women and Work Policy Roundtable Discussion Forums.
- Human Trafficking – CRO Nina DeVoe was asked by the Dept. of State Office of Human Resources to provide an overview on the issue of “Human Trafficking” as part of an employee retreat.
- Sex Trafficking - DCW is exploring with Leslie Brower Ph.D., R.N., Project Director, DHSS/DSAMH how we might support the work of Zoe Ministries – a faith-based non-profit whose mission is to provide a home that offers physical, emotional, and spiritual healing to victims of Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking in and from Delaware. Learn more about Zoe Ministries: <http://www.zoe-delaware.org/>
- Ladybug Festival - Director Fullman and CRO Nina DeVoe had a very productive meeting with Gayle Dillman, CEO, Gable Music Ventures and founder of the Ladybug Music Festival and Events Coordinator Alex Mazzo. The Ladybug Music Festival is a free block party in Wilmington’s popular Lower Market neighborhood featuring live music from independent female musicians and vendor space for female artisans. A working relationship was established.
- Middletown Police Department – On October 22nd Director Fullman participated in a Domestic Violence Education and Awareness Forum sponsored by Middletown Police Department and the Office of the Delaware Attorney General. There was discussion with Sgt. Scott Saunders, Community Services Officer, Middletown PD collaborating on other awareness forums in the Middletown area.
- 2016 Kaleidoscope: Empowering Survivors- Mind, Body & Spirit Conference – An event for women living with all types of cancer.

Increase the Visibility of the Commission

Exhibit Table Legislative Hall – March 15, 2017 2nd Floor

Lady Bug Festival – Third Thursday in July.

## V Committee Report

Topic of Discussion	Action To Be Taken	Lead	Due Date
<b>Shriver Report Project</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Bauchman of the U of D has requested an extension for the completion of the data. It is hopeful that the report will be ready by January 2017 when the new elected officers are in office.</li> </ul>			
<b>Hall of Fame</b> ( <i>Becky Evaristo/Jackie Griffith</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Theme for 2017 Hall of Fame is "Determination, Endurance, Achievement".</li> <li>• The event ticket has been raised from \$40 to \$50.</li> <li>• Names of possible Selection Committee Members can be forward to Carmen.</li> <li>• There will be a special Hall of Fame Committee meeting to focus on fundraising on November 15th at 3:00 at the Dover Office.</li> </ul>			

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lenora Webb is in the final stages of compiling Legislative Bills.</li> <li>• November DCW Commission Meeting has been reschedule to November 15th.</li> <li>• December DCW Commission Meeting will be an in-person meeting and will include DCW Orientation for new Commissioner.</li> </ul>			

**VII Adjourn** Motion made, second and unanimously voted to adjourn at 5:38 p.m.